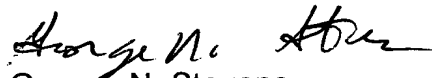


be granted in the near future and the Applicant requests the priority based upon PCT application US99/22904 be granted.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees or credit any overpayment of fees to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP., Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (referencing case No. 374.37564X00).

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